

NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

Tourist or Visitors Visas

The category of visa required for travel to the United States is primarily determined by the purpose of the travel. A person traveling for tourism (including visits to friends or relatives) requires a “B2” tourist visa. Please note that a single visa can be a “B1/B2” visa, valid for travel for either tourist or business purposes. For additional details about tourist visas, [click here](#).

To qualify for a B2 Tourist Visa, applicants must demonstrate:

- that they are planning to travel for legitimate tourist purposes,
- that they have sufficient funds to undertake the trip, and
- that they have strong ties to their home sufficient to compel them to return to that home after a short trip to the U.S. (for example, permanent regular employment, essential family obligations, etc.) For a list of suggestions, [click here](#).

In certain cases, a person may seek a B2 visa in order to get medical care in the United States. This requires additional documentation. Please see [Documentation Needed When Seeking to Travel for Medical Treatment](#) for additional information.

For information regarding denials of visitors visas, see [Visa Denials](#).